

Custer Co. Republican

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Republican County Convention.

Broken Bow, Neb., July 31st, 1899. In compliance with an action of the county central committee, a delegate convention of the republicans of Custer county, Nebraska, is hereby called to convene at the North side opera house, Broken Bow, Neb., at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, August 19th, 1899, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following county offices...

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted, and that the delegates present at the convention cast the full vote of their respective townships. It is also recommended that the township primaries be held Saturday, August 12th, 1899, at 2 p. m. in the following townships...

Republican Primaries.

BROKEN BOW. Notice is hereby given to the republican electors of Broken Bow township, that a primary will be held in the court house, Saturday, August 12th, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following township offices...

ELK CREEK. The republican electors of Elk Creek township are hereby notified that a caucus will be held in Elk Creek township at the city school house, Saturday August 12th at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention...

KILFOLL. The republican electors of Kilfoll township are hereby called to meet in the Merin hall at 2:30 p. m. August 12th, 1899 to elect delegates to the county convention...

LILLIAN. Notice is hereby given to the republican electors of Lillian township that a primary will be held at the Oxford school house, August 12th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention...

CUSTER TOWNSHIP. The republican electors of Custer precinct are called to meet at the Riverside school house, August 5th at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Broken Bow August, 19th, 1899...

LOUP TOWNSHIP. Notice is hereby given to the republican electors of Loup township, that a primary will be held at the Towney school house, August 17th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention...

DOUGLAS GROVE. The republican electors of Douglas Grove township are requested to meet at the Westerville school house, August 12th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention...

WESTERVILLE. The republican electors are hereby called to meet in Westerville, Saturday, August 12th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the republican county convention...

BERYON. A meeting of the republican electors will be held in Beryon Saturday, August 12th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention...

Times are so good in Kansas and Nebraska that the bankers are growing because the farmers won't borrow any more money. Prosperity has become positively oppressive out there—New York "Mail and Express."

Training and qualification for office counted little with a BARE MAJORITY of the delegates of the pop convention. Judge (?) Cummings and Dr. (?) Brown are examples—both of them just squeezed through, the minority of the convention, the thinking men, and their friends, will do the rest at the polls.

The populists in their county convention, denounced acceptance of passes as an unpardonable political crime. Silas Holcomb, who occupied a seat on the stage crawled down into his chair when that plank was read. It meant him, and hit him hard. He knew the delegates to the state convention would find him out before the pop state convention meets in Omaha.

Mark Schueringer, the pop nominee for county treasurer, took an unfair advantage of Eli Armstrong, pop candidate for sheriff, when he appealed to the prohibitionists to vote for him Charley Beal and Armstrong flitted together from party to party, and at one time worked together in the prohibition party, when it seemed to offer a way to office.

What has become of the resolution that was adopted unanimously and without a dissenting voice, at the pop county convention, instructing the delegates to the several conventions to vote and work against all candidates who are pass users? It has never appeared in a single pop paper in the county. We challenge a denial of this assertion. The "Brilliant (?) Beal's" Beacon omitted it, Secretary Emerson's paper lost it. E. R. Purcell was secretary of the convention. Who smothered that resolution?

What have the democrats of Custer county done, that they should be ignored as they were by the pops? What did they get out of the late pop county convention? "Nit." In Buffalo county, Pawnee county, and in fact in half the counties in the state, the pops and democrats are making a fair division of the offices. We presume the populist candidates, in the remote contingency of their election, have promised one or two minor deputyships to the democrats, not considering them capable of filling the responsible positions as principal.

It will be a consoling thought to a dying populist to know that if Cummings is elected, that immaculate jurist will have charge of his estate, his widow and his orphans. Cummings promised the convention that if elected, he would "first serve the populist party, and if he had any time left, he would devote it to the people." He also said to the convention that he thanked the friends who had voted for him for staying by him, and to his enemies, he had no apologies to make, and cared nothing for them. We opine these same "enemies" will care nothing for him. Ye gods, what smart Alecky judicial timber!

The delegates to the several pop conventions are, as every one knows, instructed to work and vote against and relegate to private life, all public servants and candidates who use free passes. Now, boys, are you honest, do you mean this, are the delegates of Custer county to the pop state convention going to put Mr. Holcomb on the carpet, and propound to him the same questions required to be propounded to the aspirants to offices of much less importance, before casting its vote for him? If not, why? Or is this one of the reforms paraded by the pops, resulting only in a farce and a delusion? Now boys, you have a chance to show your hand. Do you dare do it? We say no.

Hon. E. M. Webb was a delegate to the pop county convention. His friends (and they are legion) remember that he was turned down at the expiration of his first term of office, because he came home from

Lincoln once or twice on a pass during the session of the legislature of which he was a member, to visit his wife who was at the point of death. But the unsavory Si, for his diligence in this line (Burlington Route) to whose office was charged up over 60,000 miles of free junkets and passes over different railroads extending from Chicago to California and Port Arthur, was heartily recommended for his action while governor, and recommended for the nomination for judge of the supreme court, at the state convention. Oh consistency, thou art a peach!

Going Out in a Blaze of Glory.

Everybody is an optimist now, but the most pronounced optimists are men of affairs who know whereof they speak and who are capable of estimating at its true value the present remarkably prosperous condition of the country. Theodore C. Search, the president of the National Association of Manufacturing and a member of the John B. Stetson Company, of Philadelphia, the well known hat manufacturing concern, said recently to an interviewing reporter that business prospects were never brighter than they are now. "Last year," Mr. Search added, "was the most successful one in the history of the house, but this year gives even greater promises, as orders are literally pouring in from every part of the country."

This is the same story which manufacturers and business men of every class all over the country are telling. The nineteenth century is going out in a blaze of glory, and the year 1899 will be an eminently fitting ending to the century which has marked the growth of the United States from a weak nation struggling for bare existence and dependent on other countries for all of its manufactured products, to one of the great powers, and which has brought to it the industrial supremacy of the world.

At the pop county convention, a year ago, stringent resolutions, condemning the use of railroad passes, and especially by public servants, candidates before that convention were called upon to answer the question whether or not they rode on passes, and because E. M. Webb had made a couple of trips home from Lincoln on a free pass, to see his sick wife, he was torped down, and relegated to the rear ranks. Poor Lester Kirkpatrick was then called for, who came trembling to his feet, rubbing his hands and looking skyward, and in answer to the question of passes, admitted that he was the possessor of one of those round cornered cards called an annual, but had procured it by virtue of being an employe of the B. & M., but if nominated, he would cast it from his bosom. Lester pulled through by a tight squeeze. At the late pop convention, equally if not more stringent resolutions relating to passes were adopted, and several of the would be candidates were asked the same question regarding passes as before, and why, in the face of these resolutions, and before recommending the nomination of Silas A. Holcomb, who was present, for judge of the supreme court, and commending his action while governor, was he not asked to state to the convention as to whether or not he was a user of free passes, or was the convention instructed that he, like his brother-in-law, was an employe of the B. & M.?

Two Hundred and Twenty Nine of Them in One Convention

The inconsistency of resolutions adopted by the populist convention as a party platform, can be taken seriously, or as a huge joke, as the individual members of the party may deem suitable. To the ones who sincerely believe in the principles laid down in the Omaha platform, the resolution will read like divine truth; but to the ones who have ridden on trains along with Gov. Holcomb and Judge Sullivan and have seen these worthy officials hand up their passes when the conductor called for tickets, the joke of the resolutions must be apparent. Why a set of men in convention should

declare their intention to relegate to private life public servants who ride on passes, and in the same set of resolutions recommend for re-nomination two men who are known to be pass grabbers and pass users of the worst type is a mystery that the average republican cannot comprehend. They are not sufficiently educated in the ideas of reform to grasp the "great principle" set out in the pop platform, for to the republican voter it looks very much like the devil reproving sin. To the delegates therefore who constituted the convention the REPUBLICAN dedicates the following verses:

"We are opposed to the use of passes by our public servants, and recommend the retirement to private life of all who accept the same." "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?"—1 Cor. 14:8. A duty most painful devolves on us now. A plain, bounden duty—we cannot find how To avoid it—and so will at once to the task, And of populist friends a plain question ask— How is it friend pop, were you honest and blind, Or did you conceive you could hoodwink mankind, By your strange resolutions—Are you ready to grant, Your words were mere bombast, hypocrisy rant, Or in the dilemma, the opposite horn Will you take, and be imbecile?— Sure as you're born 'Tis one or the other—Now just once be true, And answer the question we here put to you— You don't know what we mean? The let us explain— To the average mind beyond doubt it is plain, That in framing your platform your view and your choice is. Announced to the world in two quite distinct voice— Like orators Puff's, they're not under control, Here it pipes in a treble, there in deep bass does roll. Here you praise men in tenor clear, ringing and full, There consign them to hades with a roar like a bull— In short your committee have honestly—("nit") Announced in two voices your tenets, to-wit.

FIRST VOICE. Resolved:—a pass is but a bribe, Let no official take Aught from the corporation's hand, But in their manhood nobly stand "For God and home and native land," Refuse for conscience sake. If some have heretofore transgressed, And have a pass desired If they to principle untire, Have taken passes, when they knew 'Twas wrong, we recommend to you That they be straightway "fired"— SECOND VOICE.

Resolved:—We heartily commend, And more we cannot say, Our fallow townsmen staunch, and true, And reemend once more to you, Old names,—and trust you'll vote them through, Homer and Silas A. Do you now understand friend pop, what we ask? Ah yes, 'tis by no means a difficult task, To explain why at home you have trouble so soon, Why again in the pop camp "there's blood on the moon"— By indorsing these men and condemning the passes, You have shown yourselves, friends, to be consummate asses.

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